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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SF
SUBJECT: FOCUS OF UNREST SHIFTS TO TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

1. WITH THE FIVE DAY BOYCOTT CLEARLY A FAILURE AT THIS POINT(VIRTUALLY ALL BLACKS REPORTED TO WORK BY SECOND DAY), FOCUS OF TOWNSHIP UNREST HAS SHIFTED TO SCHOOLS WHERE MOST STUDENTS WERE SCHEDULED THIS WEEK TO WRITE ANNUAL MATRICULATION EXAMS. WHETHER UNDER THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR AS PART OF PROTEST, MOST BLACK TOWNSHIP STUDENTS DID NOT SIT FOR EXAMS, CREATING WHAT ONE BLACK EDUCATOR DESCRIBES AS "CRITICAL" SITUATION. THOSE SCHOOLS THAT DID ATTEMPT TO HOLD EXAMS CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM ROVING BANDS OF BLACKS WHO STONED OR ATTEMPTED TO SET FIRE TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS. EVENTUALLY, MOST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SENT STUDENTS HOME RATHER THAN FACE CONTINUED VIOLENCE.

2. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT CLEAR
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WHETHER OR NOT THE SRC IS IN CONTROL OF THE

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CAMPAIGN TO DISRUPT EXAMINATIONS. WITH THE
FAILURE OF THE BOYCOTT AND THE PROFESSED
"NON-VIOLENT" STANCE OF THE SRC, IT APPEARS,
ON THE SURFACE AT ANY RATE, THAT THE DIS-
RUPTIONS ARE LESS A PART OF ANY ORGANIZED RESISTANCE BUT
MORE A SPONTANEOUS REJECTION OF THE SYSTEM,
LINKED TO A PROBABLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON THE PART
OF THE STUDENTS THAT DUE TO THE TOWNSHIP UNREST THEY WERE
NOT PREPARED TO WRITE EXAMS.
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